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SUBJECT: ECONADS: 1978 ECONOMIC COLLOQUIUM

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1. AT JULY 14 ECONADS MEETING, CHAIRMAN BILLY SUGGESTED
JANUARY 25-27 AS DATES FOR 1978 ECONOMIC COLLOQUIUM. ALTER-
NATIVELY, IT COULD BE SCHEDULED JANUARY 18-20.

2. STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY BELGIAN, CANADIAN AND UK REPRE-
SENTATIVES (THE LATTER UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON),
BILLY PROPOSED THAT INTERESTED OFFICIAL OBSERVERS ATTENDING
THE COLLOQUIUM STAY FOR A MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONDAY TO
ASSIST COLLOQUIUM RESULTS PERTINENT TO THE ALLIANCE STUDY
OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THE BELGIAN (DE BROUWERE) ALSO
SUGGESTED THESE EXPERTS MIGHT CRITIQUE COLLOQUIUM ITSELF,
POSSIBLY MAKING SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.
(COMMENT: WE AGREE A POST-COLLOQUIUM SESSION, AT WHICH
CLASSIFIED DATA AND CONCLUSIONS COULD BE HANDLED, WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO THE COLLOQUIUM'S UTILITY FOR THE E-W STUDY.
OFFICIALS WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO STAY, HOWEVER,
IF COLLOQUIUM RAN TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND "PRIVATE"
MEETING WAS HELD ON FRIDAY. END COMMENT)

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3. BILLY PROPOSED TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR COLLOQUIUM AS
FOLLOWS-
1ST DAY
-----AM. 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION: THE SOVIET ECONOMY
-----SINCE 1970 - AN OVERVIEW
-----A. INTERNAL GROWTH PROSPECTS
-----2. SOVIET MANPOWER PROSPECTS AND THE NEXT DECADE

-----3. INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND HINDRANCES TO LABOUR
-----PRODUCTIVITY
----PM. 4. THE PROBLEM OF CAPITAL UTILIZATION AND FUTURE
-----INVESTMENT PATTERNS
-----5. THE ENERGY SECTOR AND SOVIET GROWTH REQUIRE-
-----MENTS

2ND DAY

----AM. 6. AGRICULTURAL GROWTH: THE ACHILLES HEEL FOR
-----THE FUTURE
-----7. CONSUMER WELFARE AND GROWTH
-----B. FOREIGN TRADE IMPACT ON SOVIET GROWTH
----PM. 1. THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP AND FUTURE SOVIET NEEDS
-----2. EXPORT CREDITS, FINANCE, THE SOVIET DEBT AND
-----ITS CONSEQUENCES
-----3. INVISIBLE EARNINGS (GOLD SALES, SHIPPING,
-----INSURANCE, ETC.)

3RD DAY

----AM. 4. COMPENSATION DEALS, SWITCH & BARTER AND OTHER
-----TRADING TECHNIQUES FOR THE 1980'S: SOVIET V.
-----WESTERN PREFERENCES
-----C. CONCLUSIONS
-----1. GENERAL PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH IN THE 1980'S:
-----EVALUATION OF SELECTED GROWTH MODELS
-----2. SUMMING-UP.

4. BILLY ALSO CIRCULATED A LIST OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS
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BUT REQUESTED ECONADS TO SOLICIT FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM
THEIR CAPITALS.

--NAMES OF POSSIBLE RAPORTEURS/CO-RAPORTEURS TO BE CON-
--TACTED FOR 1978 COLLOQUIUM-----

----OVERVIEW: PROFESSOR NOVE, UNIV. OF GLASGOW
----POPULATION: DR. M. FESHBACH, COMMERCE DEPT.
----INDUSTRIAL GROWTH: DAVID GRANICK, PRINCETON UNIV.
----ENERGY: MR. R. RUSSELL, SHELLPETROLEUM, LONDON
----INVESTMENT: DR. HANSON, BIRMINGHAM UNIV.
----AGRICULTURE: PROFESSOR WADEKIN, GIESSEN UNIV.
----CONSUMER: PROFESSOR SCHRODER, VIRGINIA UNIV.
----TECHNOLOGY: R. MCMENAMIN, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER
----EXPORT CREDITS, FINANCE: D. BUCKMAN, CHASE MANHATTAN
------(NOW IN MOSCOW)
----INVISIBLES: MR. J. CRAWFORD, BANK OF ENGLAND
----COMPENSATION DEALS: MR. MARK ALLEN, IMF
----SUMMING UP: PROFESSOR BERGSON, HARVARD

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR JULY 20 ECONADS MEET-
ING REGARDING (A) PROPOSED DATES OF COLLOQUIUM, (B) SCHED-
ULING OF EXPERTS MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER COLLOQUIUM (C)
NAMES OF ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS THAT AGENCIES

MAY SUGGEST. BENNETT

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